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HARRY A. CURTIS, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Colorado, has returned after a year's leave of absence, during which time he took graduate work in chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, receiving the degree of doctor of philosophy.

MR. GEORGE H. CHAPMAN has resumed his duties as assistant botanist at the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station after a year spent at the University of Prague with Dr. F. Czapek.

DR. WILLIAM J. MILNE, president of the New York State College of Teachers in Albany and author of mathematical text-books, died on September 4, at the age of seventy-one years.

DR. BÉLA HALLER, associate professor of zoology at Heidelberg, has died at the age of fifty-six years.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

SEVERAL citizens of Toronto have agreed to contribute \$15,000 for five years to enable the University of Toronto to increase its research work.

THE will of Mrs. Josephine A. Binney gives \$10,000 to the Women's College of Brown University.

THE Henry S. Denison Memorial Building, for Medical Research at the University of Colorado, has now been made ready for use. It contains laboratories for research in bacteriology, pathology, physiology, chemistry and clinical methods.

IT is believed that in Oxford and Cambridge the number of undergraduates in residence next term will be reduced by one half.

DR. R. M. STRONG, of the department of zoology of the University of Chicago, has accepted the chair of anatomy at the University of Mississippi.

IN the department of physiological chemistry of the Jefferson Medical College, Raymond H. Miller, B.S. (Pennsylvania State), and J. O. Halverson, M.S. (Missouri), have been appointed instructors. Martein E. Reh-fuss, M.D. (Pennsylvania), after spending three years in study abroad, has been ap-

pointed research associate, and Olaf Bergheim has been promoted to be a demonstrator.

MAXWELL SILLMAN, M.S., formerly instructor in physiological chemistry in Jefferson Medical College, has been appointed instructor in chemistry in the medical school of Baylor University, at Dallas, Texas.

AMONG appointments at the University of Montana are the following: L. S. Hill, assistant professor of mathematics and astronomy; Dr. Fred. H. Rhodes, of Cornell University, instructor in chemistry, and A. W. L. Bray, a graduate of Cambridge and London, instructor in biology.

DR. H. C. STEVENS, associate professor of psychology in the University of Washington, has been appointed associate professor of education in the University of Chicago.

A. VINCENT OSMUN, assistant professor in the department of botany of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, has been made associate professor, and F. A. McLaughlin, of the same department, has been promoted to the rank of instructor.

DR. W. P. GOWLAND, of the University of Liverpool, has been appointed to the chair of anatomy at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.

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#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### A RECENT CASE OF MUSHROOM INTOXICATION

ALTHOUGH it has been stated, in standard works on fungi, that a common and otherwise edible species (*Panæolus papilionaceus*) sometimes has intoxicating properties, it seems desirable to record the recent experience of two persons who ate considerable numbers of this species, unmixed with other kinds.

They were familiar with this species and various others, and had on several occasions eaten it in small numbers, mixed with other kinds, without noticeable effects. This is a small, rather delicate, umbrella-shaped mushroom, which is common on cultivated land, planted to farm crops.

Mr. W., whose narrative is here given, is a middle-aged, vigorous man, strictly temperate in his habits. He is a good botanist, and has made a special study of fungi. The account